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TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

Great strides have been made by American Hybridists in improving the Tuberous Begonia from more or less humble beginnings following the enactment of the Plant Quarantine Act of 1919. Prior to 1919 American Horticulturists were depending upon British, French and Belgian sources for their supply of bulbs.

We can now safely state that the Begonia in the hands of American Hybridists has surpassed all European efforts.

The various varieties and types that we are offering on these pages are really the finest available irrespective of price.

A FEW SIMPLE SUGGESTIONS

AS TO THE CULTURE OF

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS FROM TUBERS

Place the tubers on trays in a warm space during late January or early February. Moisten the tubers slightly occasionally to permit them to start growth. When growth commences place the tubers in a mixture of Peatmoss and sand in trays 4 inches apart and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the soil surface. Keep them uniformly moist in a warm well-lighted place until the top growth reaches 3 or 4 inches, then plant in a specially prepared bed in the open, if no further Spring frosts are encountered, or plant them in pots. Remember that large size bulbs require a pot size of 8 or 9 inches. Bulbs measuring $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2" should have a 7" pot. When potting, care must be taken not to disturb the root system. A potting soil medium of $\frac{2}{3}$ coarse leaf mold and $\frac{1}{3}$ sandy loam to which some well-rotted manure has been added will give excellent results. For fine Exhibition flowers, mix a small handful of fishmeal with the soil below the bulb. For the preparation of outdoor beds, a generous application of well-rotted cow manure should be added and if the soil is very heavy, give also a generous application of coarse sand. As begonias are gross feeders, they should be given a monthly feeding of liquid fish concentrate. After transplanting, gentle overhead watering should be resorted to until plants are well established. As Begonias are shallow rooted, a steady supply of moisture to the root system throughout the growing season is absolutely necessary for best success.

VARIETIES OF TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

AUTUMN GLOW - Extremely large flower of cristata type, the tufts or crests are a deep copper, contrasting with the apricot general coloring. Very attractive and luxuriant foliage. The flowers sometimes measure ten inches across. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

FASCINATION - Marginata or Picotee edge. A crisper flower, white with pink edge. Very outstanding. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

RED TRIUMPH - Very large flower of ruffled camellia type of ruby red with a deep velvety sheen. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

ROSE DAWN - Large ruffled flower resembling a full blown rose of clear rose-pink. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

SUNSET - Crispa type, profusely frilled, copper edged red. Outstanding. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

STARS AND STRIPES - Brick red flowers, speckled or flecked with white. Medium size blooms, but very prolific bloomers. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

SALMON PINK #1 - Camellia type flower of purest salmon pink. A giant in growth as well as in bloom. Plants often reach a height of 3 to 4 feet with individual blooms measuring 8 inches or over in diameter. At our last years Begonia Show it was the sensation. - Large bulbs - Each \$2.50.

SANTA PAULA - Camellia type of large flowered light salmon. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

SANTA ROSA - Large ruffled flower of deep rose, string grower with sturdy stems, similar to Rose Dawn, but deep in color. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

SANTA MARGARITA - Ruffled Camellia type flower of light pink. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

SANTA BARBARA - Camellia type flower of deep yellow. The finest yellow Tuberous Begonia. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

SANTA CLARA - Camellia type flower of clear apricot with deep long petal flowers. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

SANTA ANA - Camellia type flower of bright orange. Sturdy grower with strong stems. - Large bulbs - Each 75 cents.

Tuberous Begonias Offered in Types

All our tubers were specially selected during flowering time, they are the choices of the crop. Large bulbs.

Each 75 cents -- \$7.50 per dozen

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OUR SECOND SELECTION

Also very fine, comparing with the best offered. Large bulbs.

Each ~~45~~ cents -- ~~\$4.50~~ per dozen

CAMELLIA DOUBLE - In the following colors: White, Pink, Rose, Crimson Rose, Salmon Rose, Scarlet, Dark Red, Yellow, Apricot, Apricot Salmon, Orange Salmon, Flesh Salmon, Pink Salmon, and Flame Orange.

CAMELLIA DOUBLE RUFFLED - The edges of these gorgeous creations are slightly ruffled, giving them a very artistic appearance. We can offer them in the following colors: White, Pink, Rose, Crimson Rose, Salmon Rose, Scarlet, Dark Red, Yellow, Apricot, Orange, Apricot Salmon, Orange Salmon, Flesh Salmon, Pink Salmon, and Flame Orange.

CAMELLIA DOUBLE FICOTEE - Resulting from crossing the large flowered Camellia types with the smaller flowered Marmorata types. Very beautiful with their two-toned color combination and a contrasting edge. We can offer them in the following color shadings: Pink shades, Rose shades, Apricot shades, Salmon shades and Red shades.

CARNATION or DOUBLE FRILLED - Fimbriata plena. This type produces large double flowers, resembling a carnation in form. The petals are frilled and have serrated edges. We can offer them in the following colors: White, Blush, Pink, Rose, Red Salmon, Dark Red, Yellow, Apricot and Salmon.

HANGING BASKET BEGONIAS - This is the Pendula type, very useful for planting in Hanging Baskets. Our strain is the larger flowered extremely free flowering. They will attain large size, many times a single bulb will develop into a plant 3 to 4 feet in diameter with streamers 3 feet long. In comparison to many named English varieties that we have grown, these are far superior to them. We can offer them in the following colors: White, Pink, Rose, Scarlet, Flame Orange, Yellow, Apricot, Orange and Salmon.

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Types Of Tuberous Begonias
In Which We Can Offer Only Mixed Colors
Large bulbs

Each 45 cents \$4.50 per dozen

CRISTATA or CRESTED TYPE - Large single flowers, slightly frilled with a coxcomb like tuft or crest impressed on each petal. Very interesting and should be in every collection.

HOLLYHOCK - Martiana. Deep pink flowers that are carried on stems resembling a hollyhock. Very free flowering. Tubers are small and round. Excellent for pots or the garden.

MARGINATA - A crispa type flower, single, white with pink edge and salmon with copper edge. Very interesting.

MARMORATA - Camellia type flower, smaller than the Camellia type mostly red with white fleckings.

MULTIFLORA - A type with many small double flowers. Very free flowering. Very fine for bedding.

ROSE BUD - A double type resembling perfect rose buds. Many flowers are colored in two-toned colorings. As in roses, they are very attractive in bud, but have a tendency to flatten out the third day.

TERMS: Cash with order. All tubers are shipped prepaid.

Begonia Tubers are shipped from January to March.

FERTILIZERS MOST SUITABLE FOR TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

FISH MEAL

Per lbs. - 20 cents

5 lbs. - 90 cents

ATLAS FERTILIZER EMULSION

A highly concentrated fish by-product

Per Pint - 90 cents

Per Quart - \$1.60

Above Fertilizer prices are F.O.B. Seattle, Wash.